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**CALIFORNIA MAN SENTENCED**  
**FOR METHAMPHETAMINE DISTRIBUTION**

**CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE:** United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, United States Postal Service, Inspector in Charge, Peter Zegarac, DEA Resident Agent in Charge Leo Ducey, and New Hampshire Attorney General Kelly Ayotte, announced that Gerald B. Strickland, age 48, of Fresno, California, was sentenced today in U.S. District Court in connection with the Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute and Use of the Mail to Commit a Controlled Substance Offense. The charges filed by the United States allege that Strickland possessed with intent to distribute 47.26 grams of the drug on April 9, 2004 and that the entire scheme involved between 200 to 300 grams. Strickland previously admitted his guilt to the charges in September, 2004. Strickland was sentenced during a hearing before U. S. District Judge Joseph A. DiClerico, Jr., to a term of 46 months in prison and three years of supervised release to follow.

United States Attorney Colantuono stated, "Methamphetamine, a dangerous drug that is extremely addictive, is a growing threat in our state which we take very seriously. This office will continue to commit appropriate federal resources to investigations and prosecutions involving methamphetamine production and distribution."

The successful prosecution of this case resulted from the efforts of the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Drug Enforcement Administration, New England High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (NE HIDTA) Task Force and the NH Attorney General's Drug Task Force. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert J. Veiga.